

# THE BROAD AX

VOL. XXIV

CHICAGO, ILL., SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1919

No. 52

## Great Meeting Held at the People's Movement Club Rooms

3140 Indiana Avenue

**President Oscar DePriest, Presiding; Hon. George F. Harding, City Comptroller of Chicago; Hon. George W. Underwood, Col. Franklin A. Denison, Hon. Patrick H. O'Donnell, The Fighting Irish-American Lawyer of Chicago; Hon. George P. Brent, Foreman of the August Grand Jury; Hon. Edward H. Morris and Rev. A. J. Carey, Were the Leadnig Speakers**

Last Sunday, the People's Movement held its first regular meeting after the summer vacation, at 4:00 p. m., at its beautiful and elaborate club rooms at 3140 Indiana Ave.

It was by far the largest outpouring of the people that has so far been witnessed during the life of the People's Movement, under the matchless and the far-seeing leadership of former Alderman Oscar DePriest, who is after all, a wise guy for his day and generation, and he must be given full credit for accomplishing a large amount of real good for both the colored and the white race through his People's Movement.

Fully one thousand people, including men and women, crowded into the hall and many were on the outside unable to squeeze or press into it. It had been announced that Attorney Patrick H. O'Donnell would at great length set forth his views on the "Causes of the Recent Race Riots" in this city, and everybody wanted to be present and drink in to the full the great treat which he held in store for them.

Promptly at 4:00 p. m., President DePriest called the meeting to order, and as he arose to speak he was loudly applauded by his great army of friends and followers. The following were seated on the platform at the opening of the meeting: Hon. George F. Harding, City Comptroller of Chicago; Hon. Oscar DePriest; Col. Franklin A. Denison; Hon. George P. Brent, who was the brave and manly foreman of the August Grand Jury of Cook County; Hon. Edward H. Morris; Hon. Patrick H. O'Donnell; Rev. A. J. Carey; Hon. George W. Underwood; Hon. R. S. Abbott, member of the Illinois Race Commission; Hon. James A. Scott; Hon. F. L. Barnett; Hon. Morris Lewis; Hon. James E. White; Mr. Thomas H. Crump and Julius F. Taylor.

Senator Harding was the first speaker of the evening and was warmly applauded when he exclaimed that he felt highly honored to be present; that he first wished to heartily thank President DePriest and the other officials of the People's Movement for sending him an invitation to attend the meeting; that at the very outset of his short talk, he wanted it distinctly understood that right there he was more than willing to go on public record as being one of the true and sincere friends of the colored race; that he always stood ready and willing to aid them any way he possibly could. In speaking of the race riots in this city he declared that no one deplored them to any greater extent than himself, that it was only a question of a short time until the race riots would be renewed in this city unless the law-enforcing officers sternly enforced the laws against the lawless and the criminal element in this city regardless of their race or nationality.

Hon. George W. Underwood followed Senator Harding with a few timely remarks, which were well received by the vast audience; Col. Franklin A. Denison was the next speaker and he delivered a very impressive talk which brought forth round after round of applause, which simply proved that he is held in the highest esteem by his fellow citizens.

Hon. Patrick H. O'Donnell, who is always outspoken in his friendship for the colored people was the star orator of the afternoon, and it is safe to say that no member of the opposite race in this city has the confidence of the colored people to any greater extent than Mr. O'Donnell, nor is held in any higher esteem than he is by the vast majority of the colored people throughout this city.

Mr. O'Donnell eloquently orated for fully one hour and a half and at the end of that time the people wanted him to continue with his fiery presentation of his case or his indictment of his distinguished friend, Hon. Maclay Hoyne, state's attorney of Cook County, and Mr. O'Donnell went after the Hon. State's Attorney with hammer and tongs, for claiming that the colored people started and were absolutely responsible for the race riots in this city and the closing part of his masterful oration was the best and most touching that has ever fallen from the lips of any of the greatest orators of the past.

Hon. George P. Brent, the extensive piano manufacturer, who was the honorable and fearless foreman of the August Grand Jury, and a member of the present Grand Jury was the next speaker, and when he arose to speak he was greeted with a rising vote of thanks on the part of the people for the manly part which he displayed in his sharp tilts and almost hand to hand fights with the Hon. State's Attorney. It is almost useless to state that the remarks of Mr. Brent were eagerly drank in by the people and he raised himself very high in the estimation of those who sat within sound of his voice.

Hon. Edward H. Morris and Rev. A. J. Carey were the two last speakers and both of them delivered telling speeches which caught the people:

### HON. JAMES A. SCOTT READ THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WHICH WERE ADOPTED BY A STANDING VOTE:

WHEREAS, the State's Attorney of Cook County, Maclay Hoyne, has in the public press charged that the cause of the race riots was the criminality of Chicago produced by the lawlessness of the Negro Race that has been protected in its crime by the City Hall, Republican Judges and White and Black politicians in the black belt; and

WHEREAS, during the last seven years, there has been in Chicago thoroughly organized groups of criminals known as:

- (1) "Clairvoyant Trust" for defrauding the public by means of alleged fortune telling;
- (2) "Wire Tapping Trust" organized for defrauding by means of false reports on horse races;
- (3) "Burglary Trust" organized for burglary and disposing of stolen property;
- (4) "Daylight Bank Robbery Trust" organized for robbing banks in Chicago and vicinity at the rate of about one per week;
- (5) "Con Game Trust" organized by men with swindling machines purporting to make money and with fraudulent foot races to swindle the gullible out of vast sum of money;
- (6) "Pick Pocket Trust" composed of one expert pick pocket and a large organization, 90 per cent of which live in a single ward;
- (7) "Receivers' Trust" organized to take or dispose of the property

stolen by burglary, larceny and robbery;

(8) "Perjury Trust" consisting of criminals exchanging their testimony for immunity;

(9) "Arson Trust" composed of a group of torches, criminals adjusters and criminal property owners burning property for the amount of the insurance.

(10) "Automobile Trust" consisting of an organization of automobile thieves for the purpose of stealing, altering and reselling stolen automobiles;

AND WHEREAS, in the operation of all these huge organizations of criminality a Negro has not been identified with any of them and they have all been conducted, operated and promoted without the aid, assistance or co-operation of the black race; and

WHEREAS, these organizations are increasing in power, number and criminality in the administration of the present State's Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the charges against the black race made by Maclay Hoyne

are wholly unwarranted by the facts, and place them in a false light before the public and leave their defense prejudiced and well-nigh impossible,

THEN, BE IT RESOLVED that we brand the aforesaid false, damaging and injurious charges as a shield and protection to the criminal classes who have thereby the public attention turned from them in their crime to the black race who are not participants with them;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we deplore the attack made upon Chicago's judiciary and resent the claims that they are protecting the Negroes, when no Negroes are brought before them for trial out of the groups of criminals above named;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be communicated to the judiciary and other public officials of Chicago and Cook County.

All in all it was one of the greatest meetings held in this city for many years.



HON. OSCAR DE PRIEST

President of the People's Movement in the second ward, who ably presided over its great meeting at its club room last Sunday afternoon.

### PRESIDENT JERNAGIN AND BISHOP ROSS EXTEND WELCOME IN NAME OF 12,000,000 NEGRO AMERICANS—UNITED STATES PROTECTORATE WANTED FOR GERMAN-AFRICAN COLONIES.

#### National Race Congress Greeted Liberia's President-Elect (Special to THE BROAD AX)

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Wednesday afternoon a delegation representing the National Race Congress of America was cordially received at the Hotel Lafayette by President-elect C. D. B. King, of the Republic of Liberia, who is here on a special government mission and for observation and recuperation, following a long period of diplomatic service in Paris at the Peace Conference. The visiting party was made up of: Rev. W. H. Jernigan, president of the National Race Congress; Bishop I. N. Ross, of the A. M. E. Church; Rev. J. Milton Waldron, Rev. H. J. Callis, Rev. W. J. Howard, Rev. Walter H. Brooks, Rev. W. A. Taylor, Prof. John R. Hawkins, executive secretary of the Emergency Defense Fund of the Congress; Rev. J. H. Randolph, Rev. J. L. S. Holloman, J. Finlay Wilson and R. W. Thompson. Each was introduced to Mr. King by Dr. Jernigan.

An address welcoming the President-elect to this country in the name of the National Congress of America and on behalf of the 12,000,000 colored citizens of the American Republic, was delivered by Bishop Ross, who was followed in a similar vein by Dr. Waldron, Dr. Brooks, Dr. Callis and Prof. Hawkins. They pledged the support of the colored people of the land to any plan that might be devised looking to the uplift and development of their "Sister Republic" in far-off Africa, regarding Liberia as the "open door, through which the New World may enter the inner life of the "Dark Continent" and bring the leaven of a higher civilization. They were proud of Liberia's wonderful progress as a recognized government, and "loved it next to our own country, because of its oneness with them in blood, religion and language."

President-elect King, of pleasing personality and modest dignity, responded graciously and thanked the

visitors for their assurances of sympathetic interest. He was gratified to note that all America seemed to be awakened to the vast possibilities bound up in the future of Liberia. This new and forward-looking country, keenly alive to the value of every type of education and equipment, extends a welcome to enterprising young men who possess qualities for leadership and to others who are masters of the technical and scientific arts. Following the speaking the entire party was photographed on the hotel lawn by A. N. Sourlock.

President-elect King has been received at the White House and the State Department and has been highly honored by many representative colored citizens here. He will be one of the principal speakers at the "Suffrage Session" of the National Race Congress, which will open in this city October 7th, with delegates from every state in the Union and with commission to voice the sentiments of the Negro people in every land.

#### American Protectorate Wanted for German-African Colonies.

President Jernigan, of the Race Congress, recently appeared before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and made a most eloquent and effective plea for justice for all the darker peoples of the world and emphasized the importance of having an American protectorate established over the African colonies wrested from the tyranny of the German Empire. His speech was a "keynote."

This, and other problems of vital concern to the Negro will be fully discussed at the coming meeting of the National Race Congress of America, set for October 7 to 11, at the Metropolitan Baptist Church. Liberal contributions are being received from many sources for the \$250,000 Emergency Defense Fund, in charge of Prof. John R. Hawkins, designed to protect the welfare of the race wherever such protection is urgently needed.

#### KEEP YOUR EYES ON YOUR ENEMIES!

We are to mark the men in authority whenever they prove that they are serving themselves and not the state.

Officials, who by every act or word run counter to the hopes and aims of law abiding citizens are to go down in defeat whenever they show their irreverent political heads for office.

We've got to vote them into innocuous desuetude at every opportunity, and we must not lose sight of the good friends of great hearts who are volunteering in great numbers to help us fight out battles.

If the biggest official of Illinois is against our progress and our best interests let every man of Negro blood mark him for political slaughter, his time may be now, but our time is after while.

#### THE NEGRO STAR OF WICHITA, KAN., AND THE STATE REGISTER, HANNIBAL, MO., BOTH QUOTE FROM PAGE ARTICLES FROM THE BROAD AX.

Our article which appeared in these columns, August 23, on "Social Equality" and the "Social Equality Bug-Bear," has been extensively read throughout the West; for it was reproduced in full on the front page of the Negro Star of Wichita, Kansas, September 6. It shows that at least it possessed some merit and that it was worth reading.

The State Register of Hannibal, Mo., August 30, reproduced Charles E. Stump's article on Doctor R. R. Moton, which appeared in these columns August 23.

It is very seldom that newspapers will publish two column articles and properly credit them up to the publications to which they belong unless they are up to snuff.